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Glendale Resident Charged After Failed Firebombing of Car

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 22, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a three count indictment against Michael James Hinshaw, D.O.B. March 11, 1980, of Glendale, Arizona.

The affidavit in support of the original complaint and arrest warrant alleges that on or about May 7, 2002, Hinshaw purchased the components to construct an incendiary bomb, paint remover and gloves from an auto parts store using a credit card. Hinshaw then constructed the device, applied paint remover to a car parked near a residence in Phoenix, Arizona, placed the device under the car and left the scene. The device failed to function as designed and was traced to Hinshaw. After his arrest on May 14, 2002, Hinshaw was released with supervisory conditions pending trial in this matter.

Count 1 of the federal indictment charges Michael James Hinshaw with violating Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 5861(f), Making of an Unregistered Destructive Device; Count 2 charges a violation of Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 5861(d), Possession of an Unregistered Destructive Device; and Count 3 charges a violation of Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 922(g)(3), Unlawful User of Controlled Substances in Possession of Firearms. A conviction for each offense carries a maximum penalty of ten years, a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

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Complaints and indictments are simply methods by which persons are charged with criminal activity and raise no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Phoenix Police Department.

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